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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Measures to Accelerate Readiness for Deployment

1. The Chief of Staff provided the following information and guidance at a debriefing at 1720 hours, 18 August 1961. The debriefing was attended by DCSLOG, DCSPER, SGS, and representatives of DCSOPS, COA, and ACSRC.

2. The Secretary of Defense, in a memorandum to Service Secretaries on 18 August 1961, addressed the subject of what can be done to accelerate readiness to permit deployment of six Army divisions by 15 November 1961. This represents an acceleration from a previous date of 1 January 1962. The Secretary of Defense wishes to discuss this subject on Monday, 21 August 1961.

3. Following discussions with the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff issued the following guidance and placed the indicated requirements on the Staff:

a. A status report will be submitted to the Chief of Staff covering each of the three STRAF divisions, to include strengths, number of personnel undergoing basic training, and dates of completion, and sources for additional fillers required and dates when fillers will reach divisions. In other words, what modifications are necessary in current planning in order to get these divisions ready for deployment by 15 November 1961. This report is for the background of the Chief of Staff and will not be forwarded. (Action: DCSPER, in conjunction with DCSOPS.)

b. A report will be submitted covering an order of magnitude estimate of the Reserve Component units and individuals which must be called to active duty and their approximate reporting dates, in order to support the six divisions being readied for deployment and to provide required reinforcement of the present USAREUR force. (Action: DCSOPS, in conjunction with DCSPER and ACSRC.)

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c. A report will be submitted covering the increases required in the training base in order to provide necessary replacements. Consideration will be given to:

(1) Opening one or two additional stations.

(2) Using Reserve Training Divisions as cadres for training centers. If these are used, the dates for call-up will be specified.

In summary, the report should recommend what we should do. (Chief of Staff noted that Sec Army and Under Sec Army considered favorably the proposed use of Reserve Training Divisions to cadre training centers.) (Action: DCSOPS, in conjunction with DCSPER and ACSRC.)

d. A report will be submitted covering recommendations as to the dates when National Guard division forces should be called to active duty to replace active Army divisions under the assumption that six active Army divisions are deployed on 15 November 1961. Planning will be based on the assumption that the National Guard divisions should be in active duty training for at least four to six weeks prior to deployment of the active Army divisions which they replace. Planning also will be based on recalling at least four National Guard divisions if six active Army divisions are shipped. (Action: DCSOPS, in conjunction with ACSRC.)

e. A report will be submitted recommending measures which can be taken for early build-up of stock levels in Europe and covering the equipment which should be shipped prior to shipment of troops. (Action: DCSLOG)

f. A report will be submitted summarizing the Army's understanding concerning the method of acquiring funds from OSD on an urgent basis pending apportionment, and based on fact that the President signed the appropriations act on 17 August 1961. (Action: COA)

g. All staff agencies will suggest additional measures (types of actions) which can be taken to facilitate readiness for shipment. (Examples which were discussed included funds, civilian manpower ceilings, PCS travel, and decision on equipment rebuild) (Action: All staff agencies)

3. The Chief of Staff:

a. Noted that the report must go to the Secretary of the Army on Saturday morning, 19 August 1961.

b. Directed that staff inputs reach SGS (Coord Group) by 1000 hours, 19 August 1961, in order to reach him by 1100 Hours.



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